THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) 190 Doordarshan high power transmitters are presently functioning in various states of the country. Out of these 5 HPTs as per following details are located in Bihar:

District	HPT
Patna	Two at Patna (DD1 and DD News)
Muzaffarpur	Two at Muzaffarpur (DD 1 and DD News)
Katihar	One at Katihar (DD1)
Total	Five

(b) Two HPTs are already functioning in Muzaffarpur district. Further, on LPT each at Rosera and Begusarai in the districts of Samastipur and Begusarai respectively is currently functioning. In addition, parts of Samastipur district lie in the coverage zone of HPTs at Patna & Muzaffarpur and parts of Begusarai district lie in the coverage zone of HPT, Patna.

HPT at Saharsa (Saharsa distt.), which is presently under implementation in Bihar is to be commissioned during 2006-07. With the commissioning of the project/TV coverage in Begusarai & Samastipur districts is expected to improve considerably.

Judges in High Courts

662. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have created more posts, of Judges in the High Courts with an aim to deliver speedy justice and clear the pendency of cases;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of vacancies at present in various High Courts of the

country and the recommendations received from the States which are pending with Government for higher judiciary?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) Yes, Sir. 94 posts of Judges in various High Courts, subject to approval of the respective State Governments, have been created to deliver speedy justice and clear the pendency of cases.

(b) and (c) A Statement in this regard is enclosed.

Statement

Details of vacancies in various High Courts

Sl. No.	Name of the High Court	Proposed increase of Judge strength (subject to approval of State Government)	No. of vacancies	No. of Proposals received from the Chief Justice of the High Court with reference to column 4.
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Allahabad	—	24	14
2.	Andhra Pradesh	—	10	07
3.	Bombay	-	05	—
4.	Calcutta	13	07	—
5.	Chhattisgarh	02	05	01
6.	Delhi	03	05	05
7.	Gauhati	08	15	06
8.	Gujarat	—	11	10
9.	Himachal Pradesh	01	03	01
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	—	07	—
11.	Jharkhand	—	01	02
12.	Karnataka	—	11	02

1 2	3	4	5
13. Kerala	11	07	09
14. Madhya Pradesh	13	17	06
15. Madras	05	20	09
16. Ofissa	11	10	02
17. Patna	12	21	07
18. Punjab & Haryana	13	25	—
19. Rajasthan	—	20	08
20. Sikkim	—	01	02
21. Uttaranchal	02	01	—
TOTAL	94	226	91

Fast track courts

663. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had taken a decision to set up fast track courts throughout the country for early disposal of the pending cases in the courts;

(b) if so, the number thereof and by when, these courts were to be set up;

(c) the funds allocated for implementation of the said scheme; and

(d) the amount spent, out of the allocated funds, till March, 2004?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 1734 fast track courts were to be set up throughout the country by April, 2001.

(c) An amount of Rs. 502.90 crores has been allocated for implementation of the fast track court scheme.